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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated June 30, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I in this application, with traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the invention of Groups II-VI. Hence, Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the invention of the non-elected groups. No fees are believe to be due with this response. In the event any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account 081930.

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